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Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Saturday, 14 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

11:00[1] to 13:30 — 1st plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2[2]

1. Opening of the Conference [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]
3. Statement by the President [item 3]

   Statement by Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, President of the Conference

   Statement by His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

   Statement by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of the host country

   Statement by His Excellency Laurent Fabius, Incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

   Statement by Ms. Regina Pritchett, representative of the nine Major Groups as defined in Agenda 21

   Statement by Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1, A/CONF.224/2 and A/CONF.224/2/Add.1) [item 4]
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.224/3) [item 5]
6. Election of officers other than the President [item 6]
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

[1] All participants in Exhibition Hall 2 are kindly requested to be seated *by 10:45*.
[2] Exhibition Hall 1 will serve as an overflow room.

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8. General exchange of views [item 8][1]

Address by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan (host country)

Address by His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Address by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia

Address by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya

Address by His Excellency Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu

Address by His Excellency Al Hadji Yahya Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia

Address by His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Address by His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon

Address by His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic

15:00 to 18:00 2nd plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Address by Her Excellency Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Address by His Excellency Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia

Address by His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi

Address by His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan

Address by Her Excellency Inonge Wina, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia

Address by Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

Address by His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Address by His Excellency Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

[1]Speakers remaining from a plenary meeting, if any, will be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

Address by His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

Address by His Excellency Anastase Murekezi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda

Statement by His Excellency Murodali Alimardon, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan

Statement by His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

Statement by His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

Statement by His Excellency Siaosi Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga

Statement by His Excellency Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

Statement by His Excellency Asang Laoly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Statement by His Excellency Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa

Statement by Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador

Statement by His Excellency Brendan Howlin, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform of Ireland

Statement by His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation

Statement by His Excellency Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Statement by His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

Statement by His Excellency Li Liguo, Minister of Civil Affairs of China

Statement by Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statements by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statement by His Excellency Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water

Statement by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration

[Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open*.

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.]

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

Her Excellency Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Philippines

Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Moderator

Mr. Riz Khan, International journalist

Panellists

Her Excellency Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland

Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City

Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund

Ms. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi, Representative, FemLINK PACIFIC

Interactive Exchange

[The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palmia@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.]

Main Committee

15:00 1st meeting Tachibana Hall

Programme of working sessions and side events

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Sunday, 15 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 3rd plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka

Statement by His Excellency Gerry Brownlee, Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand

Statement by His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh

Statement by Her Excellency Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Development of France

Statement by His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Statement by His Excellency Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy of Brunei Darussalam

Statement by His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands

Statement by His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore

Statement by His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia

Statement by His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa

Statement by His Excellency Park In Yong, Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea

Statement by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi

Statement by His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil

Statement by His Excellency Abdoulaye Daouda Diallo, Minister of the Interior and Public Security of Senegal

Statement by Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister of International Cooperation and Development of the United Arab Emirates

Statement by His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru

Statement by His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar

Statement by Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt

Statement by His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica

Statement by His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan

Statement by His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Ms. Grete Faremo, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Statement by Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Statement by Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Statement by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission

15:00 to 18:00 4th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati

Statement by His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay

Statement by His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles

Statement by His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia

Statement by His Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic

Statement by His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Maldives

Statement by His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Statement by His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister-in-Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands

Statement by His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland

Statement by Her Excellency Isabel Amaral Guterres, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste

Statement by His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia

Statement by Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde

Statement by His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

Statement by Her Excellency Adalah Al-Atira, Minister, Head of the Environmental Protection Authority of the State of Palestine

Statement by Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar

Statement by His Excellency Ramon Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba

Statement by His Excellency Remi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire

Statement by Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden

Statement by Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Statement by Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marin, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile

Statement by Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

Qatar

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union

Statement by Ms. Inger Andersen, Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

International Committee of the Red Cross

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Major Group: Women's Environment and Development Organization

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Ministerial round table 1: Reconstruction after disasters: building back better

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Rooms 1 and 2

Chair

His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

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Ministerial round table 2: International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Rooms 1 and 2

Co-Chair

His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

[The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.]

Announcements

A high level event "Uniting Nations, People and Action for Resilience", will take place *today*, 14 March 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Main Hall. The Secretary-General will lead a discussion on key challenges in reducing disaster risk in the post-2015 agenda. All are invited to attend. There will be open seating.

The Secretary-General and his Special Representative on Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, will hold a press conference from 16:00 to 16:30, at the Sakura Hall, Sendai International Centre.

A daily coordination briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders will take place in Room B-115 of the Sendai International Centre.

"Hyogo Framework Action Success Story" videos will be showcased at the Auditorium of the Sendai City Museum (opposite to Sendai International Centre) from *today*, 14 to Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 13:45 to 15:00 and from 17:00 to 18:00.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the conference website (*click here*).

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on B306, Level 3, Sendai International Conference Centre Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 13 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Preparatory Committee
Third session

1st meeting

Opening of the third session

His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, declared open the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

The Co-Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and other organization matters of the Preparatory Committee [item 1]

The Committee adopted the agenda for its third session, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1.

Election of officers

The Committee elected His Excellency Banak Joshua Dei Wal (South Sudan) as Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Committee designated Her Excellency Katerina Sequensova (Czech Republic) as Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Committee was informed that His Excellency Takeshi Osuga (Japan) would serve as an ex-officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2, who would participate as Observers in the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of intergovernmental organizations as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3 who would participate as Observers in the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]

The Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the Conference that the negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction be continued in the Main Committee.

The Preparatory Committee further agreed to the modalities for proceeding with informal discussion on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction immediately following the adjournment of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

Draft political declaration [item 3]

The Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the Conference that the negotiations on the draft political declaration be continued in the Main Committee.

Other Matters [item 4]

The Preparatory Committee decided to revise the provisional agenda of the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.224/1, by replacing "4. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work" with "4. Adoption of agenda and other organizational matters" (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1).

The Preparatory Committee further decided to recommend to the Conference that, at the opening of the Conference, statements also be made by the Prime Minister of the host country, the incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Mayor of Sendai City (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1, as orally revised).

The Preparatory Committee also decided to recommend to the Conference that its first plenary meeting be held from 11:00 to 13:30, on 14 March 2015 (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1).

2nd meeting

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session [item 5]

The Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Katerina Sequensova (Czech Republic), made a statement, in which she introduced the draft report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2.

The Committee adopted the draft report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2, and authorized the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee to finalize the report in light of the proceedings of the present meeting with a view to its submission to the Conference.

Closing of the third session

Closing statements were made by His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, and Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, declared concluded the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Distribution of official documents

A documents counter with limited hard copies of official documents and the *Journal* for delegations will be located in Exhibition Hall 2 during the plenary meetings of the Conference. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website (*click here*). A print-on-demand service will be available for a fee at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

Pursuant to rule 66 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

All delegations, prior to delivery of the statement, are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and name of country or organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before the delivery of the statement for onward transmission to interpreters and secretariat note-takers and for posting on the Conference website.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, requests can be sent to wcdrr2015@un.org. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time of each meeting, and include the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting and expected number of participants. Limited rooms, of varying sizes with a capacity to hold between eight, ten or twelve participants in total, will be available for bilateral meetings. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Official Statements, High level Partnership Dialogue sessions, Ministerial Roundtable sessions and Press Conferences. The webcast coverage is available on the UN Web TV website at http://webtv.un.org, in English, Japanese and the original language of the speaker.

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